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## Response to 37 CFR 1.105 Request

The withdrawal of the finality of the previous Office Action is noted with appreciation.

The Examiner has requested the following information under 37 CFR 1.105.

1. What were the original parental maize lines used to produce maize inbred line PH726?

a. PH05G and PH07D

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**2. What method and steps were used to produce maize inbred line PH726?**

- a. Pedigree selection method produced by selfing and ear rowing for 5 generations.

**3. At or before the time of filing of the present application or any provisional application to which benefit is claimed, had any of the parental maize line PH726, parents of maize line PH726, or progeny thereof been disclosed or made publicly available?**

- a. PH05G was previously disclosed under name PH05G, PVP Certificate No. 9700211. PH07D was previously disclosed under name PH07D, PVP Certificate No. 9700214. No progeny of PH05G/PH07D had been disclosed or made publicly available before the defined time.

**4. At or before the time of filing of the present application or any provisional application to which benefit is claimed, were any other maize lines PH726, parentals thereof, or progeny thereof, produced by the method using the original parental line PH726 or its parents, and if so, have the produced maize lines PH726, parentals thereof, or progeny thereof been publicly available or sold?**

- a. At the defined time, no maize lines produced by such method from PH05G/PH07D were publicly available or sold.

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Reconsideration and timely allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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